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SUBJECT PURCHASING ENTITIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

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1. LIST REQUESTED FOLLOWS:
GOVERNMENT OWNED UTILITY COMPANIES
AGUA Y ENERGIA ELECTRICA
HIDRONOR
YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES (YPF)
SERVICIOS ELECTRICOS GRAN BUENOS AIRES (SEGBA)
YACIMIENTOS CARBONIFEROS FISCALES (YCF)
COMPANIA ITALO ARGENTINA Y ELECTRICIDAD
COMISION NACIONAL ENERGIA ATOMICA (CNEA)

OTHER UTILITIES
GAS DEL ESTADO (NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION)
EMPRESA NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (ENTEL)
EMPRESA NACIONAL DE CORREOS Y TELEGRAFOS (ENCOTEL)
AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS
FERROCARILES ARGENTINAS (RAILWAYS)
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EMPRESA OBRAS SANITARIAS DE LA NACION (WATER SUPPLIER
FOR CAPITAL)

OTHER
ALL AIRPORTS
SEVERAL TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS
DIRECCION GENERAL DE FABRICACIONES MILITARES

DIRECCION NACIONAL DE VIALIDAD
EMPRESA LINEAS MARITIMAS ARGENTINAS (ELMA)
EMPRESA SUBERRANEOS DE BUENOS AIRES
FLOTA FLUVIAL DEL ESTADO
HIERRO PATAGONICO DE SIERRA GRANDE (HIPASAM)
JUNTA NACIONAL DE GRANOS
SOCIDAD MIXTA SIDERURGIA ARGENTINA (SOMISA)

ARMED FORCES

ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE

2. ALL OF THESE FIRMS EXCEPT THE ARMED FORCES ARE
REQUIRED BY THE BUY ARGENTINE LAW (DECREEE LAW NO.
5340/63 AND LAW NO. 18,875) TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO
DOMESTIC SUPPLIERS IF THE PRICE DIFFERENTIAL IS NOT
EXCESSIVE. AND THEY USUALLY DO SO, WHENEVER A
PRODUCT OR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE LOCALLY, REGARDLESS OF
THE COST DIFFERENTIAL AS COMPARED TO IMPORTS. THE
ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE HAVE THEIR OWN PURCHASING
REGULATIONS WHICH GIVE THEM SOMEWHAT GREATER LEEWAY
IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS OVERSEAS. IN PRACTICE, FOR
EVERYTHING BUT MAJOR EQUIPMENT ITEMS, THEY RELY ON
DOMESTIC PRODUCERS AS WELL.
PRIVATE FIRMS CAN BE INDUCED TO GIVE THE SAME
PREFERENCE IN THEIR PURCHASING POLICIES, WHEN AND IF
THEY ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INVESTMENT PROMOTION
BENEFITS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT
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THEN CAN AND DOES INFLUENCE THEIR PURCHASING DECISIONS
THROUGH THEIR ABILITY TO GIVE REDUCTIONS IN TARIFFS
ON PIECES OF EQUIPMENT BEING IMPORTED BY FIRMS SO
BENEFITED.
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